

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Amendment withdraws claims 22-36 and 45-53.

The undersigned disagrees with this restriction for the following reasons.

First, as required in MPEP 808.01, “[t]he particular reasons relied on by the examiner for holding that the inventions as claimed are either independent or distinct should be concisely stated. *A mere statement of conclusion is inadequate. The reasons upon which the conclusion is based should be given.*” The Action states no reason for the restriction, and in particular, no support for the assertion that the inventions are patentably distinct. Second, there is no serious burden on the Examiner to examine all of the claims.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including the pending and withdrawn claims, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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